CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	f_000f4b
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1700418.004
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	22 August 2017
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	22 August 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

This computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes and as such is deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act). The image depicts a girl who appears to be an older child or young teenager posed for the camera in a highly sexualised manner. The only purpose of the image is the sexual gratification of the viewer, and it encourages the viewer to pursue a sexual interest in children or young persons. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed objectionable. It is a reasonable limitation on the right freedom of expression that reflects the concern of New Zealand society to protect children and young persons from exploitation.